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December 12, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Synergy Business Park
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: GCRM-139, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-139.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels below the \$4.00 commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's rates.

Based on the differential between Piedmont's existing benchmark cost of gas and the futures wholesale price, as well as the current balance in its deferred gas cost account, Piedmont is at risk of overcollecting its wholesale gas costs in the near future if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not decreased to \$3.75 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will avoid such overcollection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are a decrease of \$0.02544/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 221, 232, 242, 252, 262, 203 and 204) and a decrease of \$0.00044/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214).

Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in January, 2015.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

s/ Scott M. Tyler
Scott M. Tyler

Enclosures

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Ms. Pia Powers
Mr. Jim Jeffries
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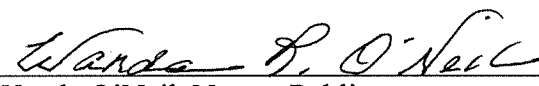
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

VERIFICATION

Kally Couzens, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Senior Regulatory Analyst - Regulatory Affairs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing documents and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

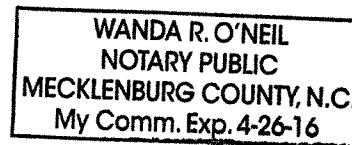

Kally Couzens

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
Signed and sworn to before me this day by Kally Couzens

Date: 12/12/14 
Wanda O'Neil, Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My commission expires: April 26, 2016



Schedule A

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Purchase Gas Adjustment effective January 2015
Docket No. 2006-401-G
GCRM -139

South Carolina Rate Schedules:		Current November 2014 <u>Billing Rates</u>	PGA Commodity <u>Change</u>	Proposed January 2015 <u>Billing Rates</u>
201	Residential Service - Value			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00		10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00		8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.85606	(0.02544)	0.83062
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.81481	(0.02544)	0.78937
221	Residential Service - Standard			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00		10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00		8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.92519	(0.02544)	0.89975
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.90184	(0.02544)	0.87640
205	Outdoor Gas Light Service			
	Monthly Charge	15.00		15.00
202	Small General Service-Standard			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.85527	(0.02544)	0.82983
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.83700	(0.02544)	0.81156
232	Small General Service-Value			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
	First 2,000	0.83438	(0.02544)	0.80894
	Over 2,000	0.82635	(0.02544)	0.80091
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
	First 2,000	0.79463	(0.02544)	0.76919
	Over 2,000	0.78575	(0.02544)	0.76031
252	Medium General Service-Standard			
	Monthly Charge	75.00		75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.79847	(0.02544)	0.77303
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.78130	(0.02544)	0.75586
262	Medium General Service-Value			
	Monthly Charge	75.00		75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
	First 5,000	0.77366	(0.02544)	0.74822
	Over 5,000	0.76341	(0.02544)	0.73797
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
	First 5,000	0.73693	(0.02544)	0.71149
	Over 5,000	0.72872	(0.02544)	0.70328
242	Small General Service-Motor Fuel			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.80407	(0.02544)	0.77863
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.86144	(0.02544)	0.83600
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per GGE*	1.01313	(0.03206)	0.98107
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per GGE*	1.08541	(0.03205)	1.05336
203	Large General Sales Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Billing Demand per therm	1.03565		1.03565
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.66231	(0.02544)	0.63687
	Next 15,000	0.59524	(0.02544)	0.56980
	Next 75,000	0.54766	(0.02544)	0.52222
	Next 165,000	0.49097	(0.02544)	0.46553
	Next 330,000	0.43565	(0.02544)	0.41021
	Over 600,000	0.40708	(0.02544)	0.38164
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.57728	(0.02544)	0.55184
	Next 15,000	0.52923	(0.02544)	0.50379
	Next 75,000	0.53086	(0.02544)	0.50542
	Next 165,000	0.47240	(0.02544)	0.44696
	Next 330,000	0.43065	(0.02544)	0.40521
	Over 600,000	0.40708	(0.02544)	0.38164

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
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204 Interruptible Sales Service			
Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.69862	(0.02544)	0.67318
Next 15,000	0.62082	(0.02544)	0.59538
Next 75,000	0.58176	(0.02544)	0.55632
Next 165,000	0.63051	(0.02544)	0.60507
Next 330,000	0.47941	(0.02544)	0.45397
Over 600,000	0.44708	(0.02544)	0.42164
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.57525	(0.02544)	0.54981
Next 15,000	0.53220	(0.02544)	0.50676
Next 75,000	0.50967	(0.02544)	0.48423
Next 165,000	0.50250	(0.02544)	0.47706
Next 330,000	0.46698	(0.02544)	0.44154
Over 600,000	0.41708	(0.02544)	0.39164
213 Large General Transportation Service			
Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
Standby Demand per therm	0.46759		0.46759
Billing Demand per therm	0.56806		0.56806
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.24431	(0.00044)	0.24387
Next 15,000	0.17868	(0.00044)	0.17824
Next 75,000	0.13291	(0.00044)	0.13247
Next 165,000	0.02573	(0.00044)	0.02529
Next 330,000	0.03590	(0.00044)	0.03546
Over 600,000	0.00708	(0.00044)	0.00664
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.17114	(0.00044)	0.17070
Next 15,000	0.12275	(0.00044)	0.12231
Next 75,000	0.09605	(0.00044)	0.09561
Next 165,000	0.07537	(0.00044)	0.07493
Next 330,000	0.03065	(0.00044)	0.03021
Over 600,000	0.00708	(0.00044)	0.00664
214 Interruptible Transportation Service			
Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.24368	(0.00044)	0.24324
Next 15,000	0.17793	(0.00044)	0.17749
Next 75,000	0.13070	(0.00044)	0.13026
Next 165,000	0.08325	(0.00044)	0.08281
Next 330,000	0.03644	(0.00044)	0.03600
Over 600,000	0.00708	(0.00044)	0.00664
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.17103	(0.00044)	0.17059
Next 15,000	0.12351	(0.00044)	0.12307
Next 75,000	0.09479	(0.00044)	0.09435
Next 165,000	0.07384	(0.00044)	0.07340
Next 330,000	0.05081	(0.00044)	0.05037
Over 600,000	0.00708	(0.00044)	0.00664

*The rates convert 1.26 therms to 1 GGE.

Schedule B

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
South Carolina
Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation
Docket No. 2006-401-G
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	<u>Annualized Throughput (DT) per Docket 2014-7-G Settlement Approved on 10/15/2014, Order No. 2014-822</u>	<u>Proposed Commodity Rate per (DT)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales	13,823,275	\$ 3.75	\$ 51,837,282
Transportation	5,725,036		
Total Throughput	19,548,311		
LAUF %	1.77%		
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	346,005	\$ 3.75	\$ 1,297,519
Total Throughput			19,548,311
Calculated Rate - LAUF			0.0664
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per DT			\$ 3.81640
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.38164
Current Sales Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.40708
Adjustment to Sales Commodity Rate			\$ (0.02544)
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate per DT			\$ 0.06640
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.00664
Current Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.00708
Adjustment to Transportation Commodity Rate			\$ (0.00044)
Current Benchmark			\$ 4.00
Proposed Benchmark			\$ 3.75

Rates and Charges

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Residential Service - Value Rate 201

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.83062
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.78937

Residential Service - Standard Rate 221

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.89975
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.87640

Outdoor Gaslight Service - Rate 205

Monthly Charge	\$ 15.00
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SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Commercial

Small General Service - Standard Rate 202

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.82983
		April - October	\$ 0.81156

Small General Service - Value Rate 232

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 2,000	\$ 0.80894
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.80091
		April - October	First 2,000	\$ 0.76919
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.76031

Medium General Service - Standard Rate 252

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.77303
		April - October	\$ 0.75586

Medium General Service - Value Rate 262

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 5,000	\$ 0.74822
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.73797
		April - October	First 5,000	\$ 0.71149
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.70328

Small General Service - Motor Fuel Rate 242

Monthly Charge *	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		Rate Per GGE **
		November - March	\$ 0.77863	0.98107 **
		April - October	\$ 0.83600	1.05336 **

* The Monthly Charge for Rate 242 is not applicable to gas service provided at the Company's Premises.

** The Company may bill in units of Gasoline Gallon Equivalent ("GGE") for gas service provided at the Company's Premises under Rate 242. The rates above convert 1.26 Therms to 1 GGE.

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Industrial

Large General Sales Service - Rate 203

Monthly Charge				\$	250.00	
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)				\$	1.03565	
Rate Per Therm						
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.63687		First 15,000	\$	0.55184
Next 15,000	\$	0.56980		Next 15,000	\$	0.50379
Next 75,000	\$	0.52222		Next 75,000	\$	0.50542
Next 165,000	\$	0.46553		Next 165,000	\$	0.44696
Next 330,000	\$	0.41021		Next 330,000	\$	0.40521
Over 600,000	\$	0.38164		Over 600,000	\$	0.38164

Interruptible Sales Service - Rate 204

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00	
Rate Per Therm					
	<u>November - March</u>		<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.67318	First 15,000	\$	0.54981
Next 15,000	\$	0.59538	Next 15,000	\$	0.50676
Next 75,000	\$	0.55632	Next 75,000	\$	0.48423
Next 165,000	\$	0.60507	Next 165,000	\$	0.47706
Next 330,000	\$	0.45397	Next 330,000	\$	0.44154
Over 600,000	\$	0.42164	Over 600,000	\$	0.39164

Large General Transportation Service - Rate 213

Monthly Charge				\$	250.00
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)				\$	0.56806
Standby Sales Service Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)				\$	0.46759
Rate Per Therm					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
First 15,000	\$	0.24387		First 15,000	\$ 0.17070
Next 15,000	\$	0.17824		Next 15,000	\$ 0.12231
Next 75,000	\$	0.13247		Next 75,000	\$ 0.09561
Next 165,000	\$	0.02529		Next 165,000	\$ 0.07493
Next 330,000	\$	0.03546		Next 330,000	\$ 0.03021
Over 600,000	\$	0.00664		Over 600,000	\$ 0.00664

Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 214

Monthly Charge			\$	250.00	
Rate Per Therm					
	<u>November - March</u>		<u>April - October</u>		
First 15,000	\$	0.24324	First 15,000	\$	0.17059
Next 15,000	\$	0.17749	Next 15,000	\$	0.12307
Next 75,000	\$	0.13026	Next 75,000	\$	0.09435
Next 165,000	\$	0.08281	Next 165,000	\$	0.07340
Next 330,000	\$	0.03600	Next 330,000	\$	0.05037
Over 600,000	\$	0.00664	Over 600,000	\$	0.00664

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Miscellaneous Fees And Charges

Schedule For Limiting And Curtailing Service - Rate 206

Emergency Service Rate Per Therm	\$ 1.00	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Unauthorized Over Run Penalty Per Therm	\$ 2.50	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.

Reconnect Fees

February Through August	\$ 40.00
September Through January	\$ 60.00

Returned Check Charge

Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00
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Governmental Taxes and Fees

Customers shall also pay all applicable taxes, fees and assessments levied by governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

Issued by Thomas E. Skains, Chairman, President and CEO
Issued to comply with the authority granted by
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Docket No. 2006-401-G, GCRM-139

Issued: December 12, 2014
Effective: January 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that copies of the attached documents are being served this date via email and UPS Overnight (1 copy) upon:

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This the 12th day of December, 2014.

s/ Scott M. Tyler
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